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SIGN OF AGREEMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of the issues on which talks were held with Dr. Craig Barett, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Intel Corporation in August 2002 and the agreements signed during his visit;

(b) the assistance to be provided by Intel Corporation to remove the difficulties coming in the way of making whole country as I.T. power house; and

(c) the names of the cities of India in which Intel Corporation has been engaged in augmentation of IT?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a),(b) and (c): During the visit of Dr. Craig Barrett, Chairman & CEO of INTEL Corporation to India on 29th August, 2002, talks were held in the following areas:

(i) Growing the Industry: Expansion of INTEL`s presence in India by making additional investment in the area of Engineering Design & Development, Software Development, Networking and Communication and to support promising technology ventures that enable growth of the Internet economy.

(ii) Education: To train additional 100,000 teachers by 2003 in use of technology to enhance the teaching and student learning process. To continue initiative in curriculum design and faculty development with equipment support and also in the project `Vidya Vahini`.

(iii) Technology Programme: To collaborate with Government agencies to share and introduce cutting edge technology towards setting up grid based computing clusters intended for use in Bio-informatics, Weather modeling Education, Scientific research etc. In the area of e-governance INTEL to partner for joint work with Government in the identified pilots and facilitate roll out of successful ones.

(iv) Bridging the Digital divide: Intel & Media Lab Asia to explore the possibilities of cooperation for Research, Setting of standards and developing technology in support of Government`s endeavor to reach to the masses and bridging the digital divide.

During the visit of Dr. Criag Barrett, a Joint Statement of Partnership covering the above areas of cooperation was signed. Another MOU between INTEL and ERNET (a Society under the Department of Information Technology) was signed for cooperation in the Project `Vidya Vahini`.